

H.B. 428

BIRTHING FACILITY LICENSURE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 2

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Representative **A. Cory Maloy** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 7, Line 204 through Page 8, Line 218:*

- 204 (7) (a) A birthing center that is not freestanding may be licensed as an alongside
205 midwifery unit if the birthing center:
- 206 (i) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Birth Centers;
207 (ii) is connected to a hospital facility, either through a bridge, ramp, or adjacent to the
208 labor and delivery unit within the hospital with care provided with the midwifery model of
209 care, where maternal patients are received and care provided during labor, delivery, and
210 immediately after delivery; and
- 211 (iii) is supervised by a clinical director who is licensed as a **physician as defined in Section**
212 **58-67-102 or a** certified nurse midwife
212 under Title 58, Chapter 44a, Nurse Midwife Practice Act.
- 213 (b) An alongside midwifery unit shall have a transfer agreement in place with the
214 adjoining hospital:
- 215 (i) to transfer a patient to the adjacent hospital's labor and delivery unit if a higher level
216 of care is needed; and
- 217 (ii) for services that are provided by the adjacent hospital's staff in collaboration with
218 the alongside midwifery unit staff.